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SENATE

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The Senate met at 12 o'clock meridian, on the expiration of the recess.

DEATH OF SENATOR ROBINSON

Mrs. CARAWAY. Mr. President, it is with deep grief that I rise to announce the death of my late colleague and the majority leader of this body, the late senior Senator from Arkansas, Mr. Robinson. It is not my purpose at this time to try to enumerate the good qualities or to call attention to the statesmanship of the man whom the Senate, the Nation, and his State will so greatly miss and whose death they all so deeply deplore.

At this time I submit resolutions and ask unanimous

consent for their immediate consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The resolutions will be read.

The legislative clerk read the resolutions (S. Res. 150), as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. Joseph T. Robinson, late a Senator from the State of Arkansas.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the President pro tempore to take orders for superintending the funeral of the de-

ceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions submitted by the Senator from Arkansas.

Mr. COPELAND. Mr. President, we walk today in the "valley of the shadow of death." A great Democrat, a great patriot, a great American has been taken from us.

Senator Robinson was in the prime of life, as we count age today. He should have continued in the midst of things for a decade or more. Our friend died in battle, perhaps as he would have wished to die, but that is little comfort to his friends who mourn.

Some of us felt he was carrying a greater load than he should have been given. Within a few days, Tuesday a week ago, indeed, I became concerned over what I saw through my medical eyes. Going to his side in the midst of the debate I urged him not to permit his zeal to invite his own destruction. I felt that the Angel of Death was touching the elbow of Senator Robinson at that moment.

The oil of joy and contentment and peace lubricates the wheels of life; the sand of combat, dissension, and bitter argument is sure to get into the bearings and slow down, and even stop those wheels.

Mr. President, the fate of the Nation, its imminent peril, the possibility of war, or anything that might be a real menace to our people, would justify the continuance of this session. But no such necessity drives us today.

My fellow Senators, I am sorry sometimes that I ever studied medicine. Nearly 50 years have elapsed since I received that coveted diploma; but the embarrassment of medical knowledge is that many times it discloses to the medical man in the face and bearing of a friend the warning his dissolution is near at hand.

Mr. President, I say in all seriousness to my brethren that the menace is here in this Chamber today.

I speak of this because I have been urged for a week or two to speak seriously of the necessity of sounding a warning as to the physical effects which may follow what is being endured here.

We come to this Chamber, which seems cold as we come into it, and the first impression is a shock to the system. We go from it into the heated air, with another shock. All the conditions of our lives make for the possibility of physical disaster. Then when are added the mental conditions incident to argument and dissension, as well as the combat of discussion, we have a combination which should be a warning to every person within the sound of my voice. I felt it my duty to say these things. I have said them from the heart.

No one here, I am sure, respected and admired Senator Robinson more than did I. We mourn his loss; we are saddened by the sight of that empty chair. Mr. President, out of this disaster may come a warning which will fend off other disasters.

We mourn with Mrs. Robinson and share her grief.

Mr. BARKLEY. Mr. President, in the hour of grief, in the ministrations of affliction, when the mind is overshadowed with gloom and the sable drapery of mourning is drawn in heavy folds about us, silence is sometimes more eloquent and impressive than the chaste rhetoric of the scholar or the flowing declamation of the orator. We meet today in the midst of that gloom, in the midst of those ministrations, and with that sable drapery of mourning drawn in heavy folds around us. None of us this morning has that command of language which can portray the feelings of our hearts over the sad news which we have received since last we met. We cannot speak of our friend; we can only feel.

I had known Senator Robinson for a quarter of a century. I knew him as a Member of the other House, as, for a brief season, Governor of his State, and for nearly that long as a Senator of the United States. No abler, truer, finer, more loyal, or devoted man ever served in this Chamber from any State. No man ever bore the responsibility of leadership with greater courage, fortitude, patience, foresight, or wisdom than was that responsibility borne by the Senator in whose honor we speak briefly this morning.

I think Senator Robinson's death constitutes at this particular time a major calamity, not only to us who loved him as a friend, not only to the party whose leader he has been for many years, but to the country at large. Not within my recollection has death created a greater calamity to the public service.

From every standpoint, by whatever yardstick we use in measuring a man, Senator Robinson measured fully up to the highest standard. We mourn him as a friend; we mourn his loss as a public servant; and we ourselves, as men and as public servants, will do well to emulate his example.

Peace to his ashes. May God rest his militant soul, and if, after the long years of toil and labor and vicissitude here, it shall be our privilege to greet him in another land, we shall rejoice in that reunion and in that faith.

The President pro tempore (Mr. Pittman) is now occupying the chair. He was one of the most intimate friends of Senator Robinson, and at present is deprived of the opportunity of paying a tribute to his friend, but on the day set

aside for memorial exercises will have the opportunity of expressing his admiration, respect, and love for the deceased.

Mr. McNARY. Mr. President, wearied by the contest in which he played such a conspicuous and dramatic part, our beloved leader has passed on to his rest. The Republican Members of this body join with me in expressing profound regret and sorrow at the passing of Senator Robinson.

At some appropriate time I hope it may be my privilege

to pay a further tribute to his memory.

Mr. McKELLAR. Mr. President, for many years I have sat here beside Senator Robinson. We were friends and neighbors down on the Mississippi River more than 30 years ago. We served in the House together. We served in the Senate together. We were personal, political, and social friends.

I never knew a nobler man than Joe Robinson. Impetuous at times, he was one of the finest characters, one of the manliest of men, one of the truest friends in all the world. I deeply mourn his passing. I deeply grieve over his untimely end.

There never was a better leader in either branch of the Congress than Joe Robinson. There never was a stronger man in either branch of Congress than Joe Robinson. There never was a truer friend and there never was a more generous opponent.

He had a wonderful mind and a noble heart. His life was an open book. His love and devotion to his lovely wife and to his family constituted one of the most admirable of his many admirable traits of character. He was a statesman second to none and one of the ablest lawyers in the Senate. I deeply deplore his death. I am grieved as for one of my own family. I join with every Member of the Senate in expressing the deepest regret over his untimely

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. President, it may be, as the philosopher poet has inscribed, that-

The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power,
And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave,
Awaits alike the inevitable hour;
The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

But, sir, while we may reconcile ourselves to that philosophy and recognize in it the fulfillment of the decrees immutable, it is agreeable to dwell for a second upon the scene presented in this body at this moment. I would invite the countries of the world, wherever their parliaments are assembled, to view at this moment the United States Senate, this great legislative body in this American Nation. Behold how those of opposite political faith and those of conflicting contention sit in the quietude of suffering, with suppressed tears in their hearts at the loss of their fellow legislator. Every difference of the past is quelled. Every mutiny is hushed. Nothing of the past that took on the form of party contest is reflected in the slightest suggestion, while everything of expression moves to that beautiful sympathy, that brotherhood which feels the depths of loss and suffering for its

In this moment I rise to note what security there is in this scene in America. What a beautiful example is exhibited of the support and sustenance of all that could be called for in government. The compliments paid, the suggestions given by the eminent leader of our opposition called Republican [Mr. McNaryl, that which came from the assistant leader occupying the place of leader, the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BARKLEY], express the united feeling at this moment, together with that which we send out to our country, that it may know that at a more appropriate time will come those individual testimonials to character and qualification appropriate to the occasion. For the moment I merely invite the attention of the world to what this body now represents in its expressions as to America, and I close with the appropriate adoption of the poet Browning and proclaim, "God's in His heaven. All's well with America."

Mr. HARRISON. Mr. President, in common with the whole membership of the Senate, my heart is heavy and my eyes are filled with tears. Joe Robinson was, to my mind, the most useful, the most dynamic, the most forceful, and the most influential man I have ever seen in public life. He had a heart of gold, yet as tender as the heart of a child.

We are all grieved. Arkansas has contributed distinguished and illustrious names to add to the glory of our history; but, Mr. President, with all her distinguished and illustrious characters, none will ever brighten the future of this country as will the services and labors and fine deeds of this, her noble son.

I grieve with you, Mr. President and fellow Senators, in the loss of our colleague and friend.

Mr. VANDENBERG. Mr. President, with inexpressible sorrow and regret I wish humbly to be permitted to place my wreath of abiding affection and respect at the tomb of this great memory. Through nearly 10 years of my service here Senator Robinson was my cherished friend. He was a great citizen, a great Senator, and a great American. His country without division will mourn the passing of a sterling character and a noble soul.

It is dark in the valley of the shadow, Mr. President, but thank God for His promise of the great reunion.

Mr. O'MAHONEY. Mr. President, I am altogether conscious of my inability to express here upon this occasion the feelings that well up in my heart as in the hearts of every Member of this body. However, I cannot allow the moment to pass without giving some expression to the profound grief which I personally feel in the passing of this great man.

It was more than 20 years ago that I first heard Senator ROBINSON. It was on this floor. As a young man I listened to him in one of the great debates at the beginning of the World War. I shall never forget the inspiration I drew from what he said upon that occasion. I shall never forget the admiration with which I was filled at his eloquence and

I can only say now that he was a brave man; he was a simple man; he was a loyal man; he was an able man. He was a Senator of the United States. Vigorous and forceful though he was, he was also patient and tolerant and tender. He was beloved by his colleagues in all that term implies.

Mr. President, I am profoundly grieved that his service has ended.

Mr. WAGNER. Mr. President, later there may be an opportunity to add more to what I may say at this sad moment. Senator Robinson's life was one of ever-enlarging service to the Nation. His public career was long and distinguished, and his last years in the capacity of Democratic leader assured him a permanent place in American history.

Chosen to be the chief legislative general in the most comprehensive social and economic program ever enacted in this country, his integrity of mind and character and his remarkable talents made every Member of the Senate, regardless of party, feel that no one else could have done his work so well as he did it. His masterful accomplishments will long stand as an inspiration to others and as a standard by which unselfish, devoted, and brilliant public service will be judged.

The Nation has suffered a great loss, and everyone who knew Senator Robinson as I did will find it hard to recover from the shock of his unexpected passing.

Mr. AUSTIN. Mr. President, I rise to say farewell to a friend and to wish God's compassion and support for his bereaved widow.

The Nation has suffered a tremendous disappointment and loss in the sudden departure of Joseph Robinson. So far as his record known to me goes, I can testify that I have admired his fidelity as the leader in the Senate of a great party, responsible for a program. Regardless of and notwithstanding private opinions or private differences, I have admired and gloried in the sacrifice that I have realized was being made by him at times in fidelity to a cause; and so far as that other matter of the soul goes-that really lovely friendship tendered by him and enjoyed by all Members of this great deliberative body-I wish to record my gratitude for having been able to participate in it.

Only yesterday, at about 5 minutes of 12, while I was engaged in a hearing on a committee, a note was passed to me saying that Senator Robinson was trying to reach me by telephone. I regret to say that, however rapidly I reached the telephone, I was unable to get into communication with him, and his office was unable to say where he might be called. Nevertheless, I feel that there is to be forever cherished in my memory the fact that he was trying to get in touch with me so late as about the hour of noon yesterday. Mr. NEELY. Mr. President-

> Whether at Naishapur or Babylon. Whether the cup with sweet or bitter run,
> The wine of life keeps oozing drop by drop,
> The leaves of life keep falling one by one.

And oh, how swiftly the wine of life oozes; how rapidly the leaves of life fall within the little circle that surrounds the membership of the United States Senate!

The grim, insatiate reaper, with marble heart that feels no pity; with icy hand that knows no mercy; with sickle keen, that never turns its edge, has, without an instant's warning, removed Joseph T. Robinson, one of the most illustrious of Senators, from the tumultuous land of the living to the silent land of the dead.

For much more than a quarter of a century he was one of the most celebrated men of the Nation. He was successively a member of the general assembly of his State, a Member of the House of Representatives of the United States, Governor of Arkansas, and a Member of this body continuously from 1913 until last night, when his eyes closed in that peaceful sleep "from which none ever wake to weep."

Less than 20 hours ago he appeared to be in perfect health, in the very flower of mature manhood, and but a short step from the summit of human achievement. Only yesterday he was magnificently leading one side of the greatest parliamentary battle that has been waged in the Senate since the days of Webster and Calhoun and Clay.

A more capable, conscientious, or courageous forensic chieftain never entered the lists. He illuminated every question he discussed, graced every cause he espoused, dignified every task he touched, and ennobled every duty he performed.

But now we call his name in vain. From his pallid lips an answer nevermore will come. In the hush that pervades this sanctuary which he so long and so brilliantly adorned we realize that this faithful friend has sailed that surging, sad, and solemn sea which separates the narrow shores of time from the boundless kingdom of eternity. He has passed the limits of earthly vision.

His living form cannot be seen through the telescopes of science or the tears of grief. But in this hour of overwhelming anguish we look beyond the cloud of gloom that hangs above us like a pall and there, through faith, we see the star of hope still shining on. In the lustrous light of that constant star we read the assuring promise of the Savior of the world:

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Fellow Senators, in this promise let us put our trust. While dogmas perish and creeds crumble, while agnosticism decays and atheism dies, let us continue to lean upon the everlasting arm, believing that the twilight here is but the dawn of a grander day upon some other shore. Believing that the feeble flame that flickers here for a little while will at last leap into a bright and shining light when the spirit of man has winged its flight back to Him that gave it birth.

God grant that Joe Robinson is now walking the streets of paradise that are paved with stars.

Illustrious patriot and leader, loved and loving husband, cherished, faithful friend, a long farewell!

> All our hearts are buried with you, All our thoughts go onward with you! Come not back again to labor, Come not back again to suffer, Where the famine and the fever Wear the heart and waste the body. Soon our task will be completed, Soon your footsteps we shall follow To the islands of the blessed, To the land of the hereafter!

Farewell, great heart, till we meet you in the purple dawn of an endless day in that imperishable realm where the rainbow never fades, where no one ever grows old, where friends never part, and loved ones never, never die.

Mr. BYRNES. Mr. President, as I have listened to my colleagues I have wanted to join in paying tribute to Senator Rosinson, but I have doubted, and doubt now, that I can give expression to my thoughts. Certainly to this griefstricken group I would not recite Senator Robinson's public service. That service is known to each and every one of us. It is a matter of record, and that record will ever be an inspiration to the American people.

Reference has been made to his service as Democratic leader of the Senate, to his courage and forcefulness. I like to think of his fairness; and within the last few moments I have thought that it is fortunate that during the last few weeks an occasion arose which gave opportunity to every Member of this body, regardless of political affiliation, to offer to Senator Robinson evidence of the esteem in which he was held by those with whom he served.

I came to the House of Representatives in 1911. I lived in the same hotel with Senator Robinson. For 25 years I have been intimately associated with him. Happiness has come to me out of that intimate association. I enjoyed his friendship, and my life was enriched by reason of it. The Senate has lost a great leader. The Nation has lost a patriotic public servant. I have lost a loyal friend.

Mr. ASHURST. Mr. President, Joseph Taylor Robinson, patriot, statesman, orator, great lawyer, most successful parliamentary leader of his generation, has reached his journey's end and has gone to that vast realm of peace and of joy where the innumerable dwell.

As he lived, he died-valiant for truth, brave, imperious, and incorruptible, and I but speak the feeling of every Senator when I say we were all proud to be his friend and honored to be his contemporaries. His far-shining fame is built upon his faithful, constant service to his country. High above the range of doubt or fear, he held steadfastly to his main purpose—good government. With a grim gameness he traversed the long, hard path of duty, bearing aloft a flambeau of idealism, the cleansing flame of which he never permitted to

Mr. PEPPER. Mr. President, I covet the experience of my older colleagues that they have been privileged to enjoy a longer but not a more appreciative friendship with Senator Robinson than have I. It has been my privilege to know him for about 6 months of this year, but I could never have had a father more considerate of me than he was, or more helpful in counsel. His door always stood open to the new Members of this body, who went to him as a son would to a father to take his counsel and his generous advice.

I know of no epitaph, Mr. President, to be applied to our departed colleague more appropriate than the words uttered by Antony as he looked down upon another who lay still in death:

His life was gentle, and the elements So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up And say to all the world, "This was a man!"

Mr. OVERTON. Mr. President, that Joseph T. Robinson was a great Senator, a great lawyer, a great leader, a great statesman is beyond all question. That his sudden death is being mourned at this hour throughout the length and breadth of this land is most true. In the midst of the general encomiums being paid to his memory today I wish to offer this personal tribute.

From the day that I entered the United States Senate there has never been a time when I did not feel privileged to go to Senator Robinson for counsel and advice. There never was an occasion when he did not willingly and gladly give me his . aid. He was always kind, always courteous, always sympathetic. He was my friend; he was a friend to us all.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions presented by the Senator from Arkansas [Mrs. CARAWAY].

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair will announce later the committee to be appointed under the second resolution.

Mrs. CARAWAY. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 15, 1937, at 12 o'clock meridian.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1937

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Speak to us, O Lord God, for in these moments we are so defenseless. Out of the depths of cur sorrow we cry: Thou art our refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble. Heavenly Father, while life is a great adventure, whatever we do help us to be true to God and duty. We praise Thee for the joy of living and for the hopes and promises for its continuance beyond the timeless centuries. We pray that we may be in preparation for that eternal haven where conflict and struggle, wonder and mystery are over and they who have trod the earth in labor and in pain are now walking the highways of the City of God. Heavenly Father, a statesman who served his State and Nation with distinction and fidelity has fallen, clothed in his armor of renowned leadership. Our heavy hearts pause at the mercy seat of prayer; our cup of sorrow is so full; he was our friend, our neighbor, and brother. Encourage us to go forward that we may fulfill our destiny and enter upon that higher life as servants of the Lord. Oh, comfort her in whose breast there is such an unspeakable void and give her great peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

NAVIGATION FACILITIES ON THE COLUMBIA RIVER

Mr. O'CONNOR of New York, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed:

House Resolution 277

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to move that the House resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of H. R. 7642, a bill to authorize the completion, maintenance, and operation of Bonneville project for navigation, and for other purposes, and all points of order against said bill are hereby waived. That after general debate, which shall be confined to the bill and shall continue not to exceed 2 hours, to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, the bill shall be read for amendment under the 5-minute rule. At the conclusion of the reading of the bill for amendment, the Committee shall rise and report the same to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted, and the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

Mr. HAINES. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks in the Record and to include therein an address delivered by our colleague the gentleman from New York [Mr. Mead].

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

Mr. LEWIS of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to extend my remarks in the Record and to include therein copies of letters from all Members of the Colorado delegation sent today to each Member of the House.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

THE LATE SENATOR JOSEPH T. ROBINSON

Mr. DRIVER. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce to the House of Representatives the death of Hon. Joseph T. Robinson, the senior Senator from the State of Arkansas, which occurred last night in the Capital City, bringing to a close a long and notable career in the public

service. Senator Robinson entered public service in the House of Representatives of the State Legislature of Arkansas in the year 1894. Almost immediately thereafter he was elected to the Fifty-eighth Congress, and served in this body for 8 years, when, because of his outstanding ability, the people of my home State selected him as their Governor. Before he had served in that office 30 days a vacancy occurred in the Senate in the Sixty-second Congress, and he was elected by the State legislature to serve an unexpired term in the Senate, and has served continuously in that body since that period up to the date of his death.

In 1922 Senator Robinson was selected as the chairman of the minority conference in the Senate and served in that office until a change of administration occurred on the 4th of March 1933, when he was elected majority leader, and has rendered most distinguished service in that capacity during the period in which we have been engaged in recovery legislation.

Mr. Speaker, no man, in my opinion, has rendered a more unselfish, a more patriotic service than has this great citizen from my home State. He died in the harness, as he would wish to die, but I cannot help thinking of the period in Biblical history, when one of the great characters of that time was led up and afforded an opportunity to look over the Promised Land, which he never entered. Senator Rosinson's life ambition was to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. It is believed by many that he would have attained that great ambition had he lived but a few more days, but it was denied him.

My friends, the Nation has suffered a most serious loss in the passing of this great man, and the State of Arkansas, his native State, has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of its most distinguished citizen. At a later date remarks more protracted and suitable to the occasion will be offered.

I offer the following resolution, which I send to the desk. The Clerk read as follows:

House Resolution 278

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, a Senator of the United States from the State of Arkansas. Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Senator.

Resolved. That a committee of 23 Members be appointed on the part of the House to join with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The Chair appointed the following committee under the terms of the resolution:

Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Snell, Mr. Doughton, Mr. Jones, Mr. Driver, Mr. McReynolds, Mr. O'Connor of New York, Mr. Woodrum, Mr. Warren, Mr. Fuller, Mr. Boehne, Mr. Miller, Mr. Dingell, Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Robsion of Kentucky, Mr. Terry. Mr. Cravens, Mr. Short, Mr. Snyder of Pennsylvania. Mr. McClellan, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Michener, and Mr. Kitchens.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the concluding portion of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 17 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 15, 1937, at 12 o'clock noon.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON RIVERS AND HARBORS

The Committee on Rivers and Harbors will meet Thursday, July 15, 1937, at 10:30 a.m., to hold hearings on H. R. 7365, a bill to provide for the regional conservation and development of the national resources, etc.

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

There will be a meeting of the Research Subcommittee of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce at 10 a. m. Thursday, July 22, 1937. Business to be considered: Hearing on H. R. 1536, H. R. 5531, H. R. 7001, and H. R. 7643, research bills.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

718. A letter from the Acting Secretary of the Navy, transmitting the draft of a proposed bill to extend the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, Territory of Hawaii, over the Midway Islands, Wake Island, Johnson Island, Sand Island, Kingman Reef, Kure Island, Baker Island, Howland Island, Jarvis Island, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

719. A letter from the president, Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia, transmitting a proposed amendment to H. R. 5039, a bill amending an act entitled "An act to regulate the business of loaning money, etc."; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, Mr. O'CONNOR of New York: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 277. Resolution providing for the consideration of H. R. 7642; without amendment (Rept. No. 1217). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. MILLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H. R. 7508. A bill to amend the Liquor Enforcement Act of 1936; without amendment (Rept. No. 1218). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. HILL of Alabama: Committee on Military Affairs. H. R. 7645. A bill to authorize appropriations for construction and rehabilitation at military posts, and for other purposes; without amendment (Rept. No. 1219). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McREYNOLDS: Committee on Foreign Affairs. House Joint Resolution 437. Joint resolution to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a commission for the settlement of the special claims comprehended within the terms of the convention between the United States of America and the United Mexican States concluded April 24, 1934", approved April 10, 1935, and to redefine the jurisdiction of the Special Mexican Claims Commission in certain particulars; with amendment (Rept. No. 1220). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BLAND: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. House Joint Resolution 413. Joint resolution to permit the transportation of passengers by Canadian passenger vessels between ports or places in the United States on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River; with amendment (Rept. No. 1221). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BLAND: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. H. R. 7402. A bill to provide more effectively for the marking of wrecked and sunken craft for the protection of navigation, to improve the efficiency of the Lighthouse Service, and for other purposes; without amendment (Rept. No. 1222). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. O'LEARY: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. H. R. 7158. A bill to except yachts, tugs, towboats, and unrigged vessels from certain provisions of the act of June 25, 1936, as amended; without amendment (Rept. No. 1223). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BLAND: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. H. R. 6916. A bill to amend the laws relating to enlistments in the Coast Guard, and for other purposes; without amendment (Rept. No. 1224). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BLAND: Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. H. R. 7823. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to exchange with the people of Puerto Rico the Guanica Lighthouse Reservation for two adjacent plots of insular forest land under the jurisdiction of the commissioner, department of agriculture and commerce, and for other purposes; without amendment (Rept. No. 1225). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. CURLEY: A bill (H. R. 7862) to provide additional home-mortgage relief by providing for (1) a moratorium on foreclosures permitting appropriate legislation to provide further emergency relief to home-mortgage indebtedness; (2) to further refinance home mortgages; (3) to reduce the rate of interest and extend payment and amortization of mortgages; (4) to eliminate personal and deficiency judgments in foreclosures; (5) to have mortgagor insured for the amount of the loan; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

By Mr. RANKIN: A bill (H. R. 7863) to provide for the creation of conservation authorities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Oklahoma: A bill (H. R. 7864) to confer jurisdiction on the district courts of the United States in appeals from decisions of the Secretary of the Interior in Indian heirship and estate matters; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. CANNON of Missouri: A bill (H. R. 7865) making appropriations for certain necessary operations of the Federal Government for the last half of the month of July 1937; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. DOWELL: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 443) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States: to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ELLENBOGEN: Joint resolution (H. J. Res. 444) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to taxes on certain incomes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

By the SPEAKER: Memorial of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to consider their chapter 304 of the acts of 1937, with reference to an act making uniform the procedure on interstate rendition; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, memorial of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to consider their chapter 307 of the acts of 1937, with reference to persons convicted of crimes or offenses who are on probation or parole; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the Clerk's desk and referred as follows:

2936. By Mr. KEOGH: Petition of the Tight Barrel Heading Manufacturers' Association, Memphis, Tenn., concerning the Black-Connery bills (S. 2475 and H. R. 7200); to the Committee on Labor.

2937. Also, petition of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York, concerning House bill 7365; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

2938. By Mr. PFEIFER: Petition of the Stephen Jerry & Co., Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y., concerning the Black-Connery bills (S. 2475 and H. R. 7200); to the Committee on Labor.

2939. By the SPEAKER: Petition of the city of Lynn, Mass., concerning an annuity to the widow of William P. Connery, Jr.; to the Committee on Pensions.